# UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT EASTERN DISTRICT OF WISCONSIN AT LAW AND IN ADMIRALTY

### UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff,

v. Case No.

APPROXIMATELY \$935,390.00 IN UNITED STATES CURRENCY,

ONE 2013 LAND ROVER RANGE ROVER, VEHICLE IDENTIFICATION NUMBER (VIN) SALSP2E40DA786404, WITH ALL APPURTENANCES AND ATTACHMENTS THEREON.

ONE 2013 HONDA CIVIC LX, VEHICLE IDENTIFICATION NUMBER (VIN) 2HGFG3B57DH529075, WITH ALL APPURTENANCES AND ATTACHMENTS THEREON, and

ELEVEN ASSORTED JEWELRY ITEMS,

Defendants.

#### VERIFIED COMPLAINT FOR CIVIL FORFEITURE IN REM

The United States of America, by its attorneys, Matthew D. Krueger, United States

Attorney for the Eastern District of Wisconsin, and Scott J. Campbell, Assistant United States

Attorney for this district, alleges the following in accordance with Supplemental Rule G(2) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure:

## **Nature of the Action**

1. This is a civil action to forfeit properties to the United States of America, under 21 U.S.C. § 881(a)(6), for violations of 21 U.S.C. § 841(a)(1).

#### The Defendants In Rem

- 2. The defendant property, approximately \$935,390.00 in United States currency, was seized on or about October 1, 2019, from Govanny Molina and Amanda Ware at or near 4XXX W. Norwich Court, Milwaukee, Wisconsin.
- 3. The defendant property, one 2013 Land Rover Range Rover bearing vehicle identification number SALSP2E40DA786404, with all appurtenances and attachments thereon, was seized on or about October 1, 2019, from Govanny Molina at or near 4XXX W. Norwich Court, Milwaukee, Wisconsin.
- 4. The defendant property, one 2013 Honda Civic LX bearing vehicle identification number 2HGFG3B57DH529075, with all appurtenances and attachments thereon, was seized on or about October 1, 2019, from Amanda Ware at or near 4XXX W. Norwich Court, Milwaukee, Wisconsin.
- 5. The defendant property, eleven assorted jewelry items, more specifically identified in A through K below, was seized on or about October 1, 2019, from Govanny Molina and Amanda Ware at or near 4XXX W. Norwich Court, Milwaukee, Wisconsin.
  - A. One 14K yellow gold curb link necklace with diamonds,
  - B. One 14K yellow gold curb link necklace,
  - C. One 10K yellow gold Cuban link bracelet with diamonds,
  - D. One 10K yellow gold bracelet with diamonds,
  - E. One pair of 14K white gold non-matching, princess-cut diamond stud pierced earrings,
  - F. One 10K two-tone (white & yellow) gold bracelet,
  - G. One pair of 14K yellow gold "crown of light" halo cluster diamond pierced earrings,
  - H. One 10K yellow gold "superman" style ring with diamonds,

- I. One 10K white gold single black princess-cut diamond pierced earring,
- J. One 10K yellow gold multi-halo-design ring with diamonds, and
- K. One 10K yellow gold tooth grill.
- 6. The defendant properties are presently in the custody of the United States Marshal Service in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

#### **Jurisdiction and Venue**

- 7. This Court has subject matter jurisdiction over an action commenced by the United States under 28 U.S.C. § 1345, and over an action for forfeiture under 28 U.S.C. § 1355(a).
- 8. This Court has *in rem* jurisdiction over the defendant properties under 28 U.S.C. § 1355(b).
- 9. Venue is proper in this district under 28 U.S.C. § 1355(b)(1), because the acts or omissions giving rise to the forfeiture occurred, at least in part, in this district.

#### **Basis for Forfeiture**

- 10. The defendant property, approximately \$935,390.00 in United States currency, is subject to forfeiture to the United States of America under 21 U.S.C. § 881(a)(6) because it was used or intended to be used in exchange for controlled substances, represents proceeds of trafficking in controlled substances, or was used or intended to be used to facilitate a violation of 21 U.S.C. § 841(a)(1).
- 11. The defendant property, one 2013 Land Rover Range Rover bearing vehicle identification number SALSP2E40DA786404, is subject to forfeiture to the United States of America under 21 U.S.C. § 881(a)(6) because it represents proceeds of trafficking in controlled substances, was purchased with proceeds traceable to an exchange of money for controlled substances, or was used or intended to be used to facilitate a violation of 21 U.S.C. § 841(a)(1).

- 12. The defendant property, one 2013 Honda Civic LX bearing vehicle identification number 2HGFG3B57DH529075, is subject to forfeiture to the United States of America under 21 U.S.C. § 881(a)(6) because it represents proceeds of trafficking in controlled substances, was purchased with proceeds traceable to an exchange of money for controlled substances, or was used or intended to be used to facilitate a violation of 21 U.S.C. § 841(a)(1).
- 13. The defendant property, eleven (11) assorted jewelry items, is subject to forfeiture to the United States of America under 21 U.S.C. § 881(a)(6) because it represents proceeds of trafficking in controlled substances or was purchased with proceeds traceable to an exchange of money for controlled substances in violation of 21 U.S.C. § 841(a)(1).

#### **Facts**

- 14. Marijuana is a Schedule I controlled substance under 21 U.S.C. § 812.
- October 1, 2019 execution of search warrant at residence of Govanny Molina and Amanda Ware
- 15. On October 1, 2019, officers executed a search warrant at the residence of Govanny Molina and Amanda Ware, 4XXX W. Norwich Court, Milwaukee, Wisconsin (the "Residence").
- 16. Govanny Molina was present at the Residence during execution of the search warrant.
- 17. Amanda Ware arrived at the Residence approximately one hour after officers began execution of the search warrant.
- 18. On October 1, 2019, the following items, among others, were in the living room of the Residence:
  - A. In a hallway closet area were the following:

- A box with a shipping label originating from Trucker, Colorado containing several bags and jars containing a total of approximately 34 grams of different strains of marijuana; and
- ii. Several packages of cannabis-infused gummies.
- B. Under a computer desk were several bags containing a total of approximately 455 grams of different strains of marijuana.
- C. On a table were several bags, jars, containers, and vacuum-sealed bags containing a total of approximately 473.5 grams of different strains of marijuana.
- 19. On October 1, 2019, the following items, among others, were in the northwest bedroom of the Residence:
  - A. On the floor were two 20-gallon storage totes.
    - i. The first tote contained approximately \$450,500 in United States currency. This currency amount is a portion of the defendant approximately \$935,390 in United States currency.
    - ii. The second tote contained approximately \$452,680 in United States currency. This currency amount is a portion of the defendant approximately \$935,390 in United States currency.
  - B. In an ottoman were the following:
    - i. A semi-automatic handgun with laser and flashlight attachments and a magazine loaded with 10 unfired cartridges; and
    - ii. Two boxes of ammunition containing a total of approximately 250 unfired cartridges.
  - C. On or inside a dresser were the following:
    - i. A money counting machine;
    - ii. Approximately \$30,278 in United States currency. This currency amount is a portion of the defendant approximately \$935,390 in United States currency; and
    - iii. A jewelry display box with numerous pieces of jewelry and two Paks Jewelers appraisal forms for two bracelets one appraised at \$15,500 and the other at \$8,000. The defendant eleven assorted jewelry items were located inside or near this jewelry box.

- 20. On October 1, 2019, the following items, among others, were in the garage of the Residence:
  - A. On a table were the following:
    - i. A Food Saver vacuum sealer; and
    - ii. Baggies, containers, and vacuum-sealed bags containing a total of approximately 5,329.50 grams of marijuana.
  - B. On the floor were the following:
    - i. Vacuum-sealed bags, tote containers, garbage bags, baggies, and jars containing a total of approximately 2,340 grams of different strains of marijuana;
    - ii. A case containing vape pens; and
    - iii. Various plastic containers containing approximately 13,509 packages of THC vape cartridges and THC edibles.
- 21. On October 1, 2019, the following vehicles were parked in the driveway of the Residence:
  - A. The defendant 2013 Honda Civic LX registered to Amanda Ware.
  - B. A 2005 BMW 330CI registered to Govanny Molina. Inside the vehicle were the following:
    - i. A vape vile,
    - ii. Three cell phones, and
    - iii. Approximately \$1,332 in United States currency. This currency amount is a portion of the defendant approximately \$935,390 in United States currency.
- 22. On October 1, 2019, the defendant 2013 Land Rover Range Rover was parked on the street near the Residence.
  - A. The 2013 Land Rover Range Rover was registered to Govanny Molina.

- B. Inside the 2013 Land Rover Range Rover was approximately \$600 in United States currency. This currency amount is a portion of the defendant approximately \$935,390 in United States currency.
- 23. On October 1, 2019, Govanny Molina and Amanda Ware were arrested.

## **Govanny Molina's State Drug Charges**

24. On October 5, 2019, Govanny Molina was charged in Milwaukee County Circuit Court, Case No. 19CF4433, with (1) possession of marijuana with intent to deliver (> 10,000 grams), modifiers – use of a dangerous weapon, as a party to a crime; and (2) maintaining a drug trafficking place, modifier – use of a dangerous weapon.

# **Amanda Ware's State Drug Charges**

25. On October 5, 2019, Amanda Ware was charged in Milwaukee County Circuit Court, Case No. 19CF4434, with (1) possession of marijuana with intent to deliver (> 10,000 grams), modifiers – use of a dangerous weapon, as a party to a crime; and (2) maintaining a drug trafficking place, modifier – use of a dangerous weapon.

# **Administrative Forfeiture Proceedings**

- 26. The Drug Enforcement Administration ("DEA") began administrative forfeiture proceedings against the approximately \$935,390.00 in United States currency on the ground that the seized currency was used or intended to be used in exchange for controlled substances or was proceeds of trafficking in controlled substances.
- 27. The DEA began administrative forfeiture proceedings against (1) the 2013 Land Rover Range Rover bearing vehicle identification number SALSP2E40DA786404, (2) the 2013 Honda Civic LX bearing vehicle identification number 2HGFG3B57DH529075, and (3) the eleven assorted jewelry items on the ground that these seized items were purchased with proceeds traceable to an exchange of money for controlled substances.

- 28. On or about December 16, 2019, Amanda Ware filed a claim with the DEA in the administrative forfeiture proceedings to the defendant 2013 Honda Civic LX bearing vehicle identification number 2HGFG3B57DH529075.
- 29. On or about December 18, 2019, Govanny Molina filed a claim with the DEA in the administrative forfeiture proceedings to the following defendant properties:
- (1) approximately \$935,390.00 in United States currency; (2) 2013 Land Rover Range Rover bearing vehicle identification number SALSP2E40DA786404; and (3) eleven assorted jewelry items.

# **Warrant for Arrest In Rem**

30. Upon the filing of this complaint, the plaintiff requests that the Court issue an arrest warrant *in rem* pursuant to Supplemental Rule G(3)(b), which the plaintiff will execute upon the defendant properties pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1355(d) and Supplemental Rule G(3)(c).

#### **Claims for Relief**

- 31. The plaintiff alleges and incorporates by reference the paragraphs above.
- 32. By the foregoing and other acts, the defendant property, approximately \$935,390.00 in United States currency, was used or intended to be used in exchange for controlled substances, represents proceeds of trafficking in controlled substances, or was used or intended to be used to facilitate a violation of 21 U.S.C. § 841(a)(1).
- 33. The defendant approximately \$935,390.00 in United States currency is therefore subject to forfeiture to the United States of America under 21 U.S.C. § 881(a)(6).
- 34. By the foregoing and other acts, the defendant property, one 2013 Land Rover Range Rover bearing vehicle identification number SALSP2E40DA786404, represents proceeds of trafficking in controlled substances, was purchased with proceeds traceable to an exchange of

money for controlled substances, or was used or intended to be used to facilitate a violation of 21 U.S.C. § 841(a)(1).

- 35. The defendant 2013 Land Rover Range Rover bearing vehicle identification number SALSP2E40DA786404 is therefore subject to forfeiture to the United States of America under 21 U.S.C. § 881(a)(6).
- 36. By the foregoing and other acts, the defendant property, one 2013 Honda Civic LX bearing vehicle identification number 2HGFG3B57DH529075, represents proceeds of trafficking in controlled substances, was purchased with proceeds traceable to an exchange of money for controlled substances, or was used or intended to be used to facilitate a violation of 21 U.S.C. § 841(a)(1).
- 37. The defendant 2013 Honda Civic LX bearing vehicle identification number 2HGFG3B57DH529075 is therefore subject to forfeiture to the United States of America under 21 U.S.C. § 881(a)(6).
- 38. By the foregoing and other acts, the defendant property, eleven (11) assorted jewelry items, represents proceeds of trafficking in controlled substances or was purchased with proceeds traceable to an exchange of money for controlled substances in violation of 21 U.S.C. § 841(a)(1).
- 39. The defendant eleven (11) assorted jewelry items are therefore subject to forfeiture to the United States of America under 21 U.S.C. § 881(a)(6).

WHEREFORE, the United States of America prays that a warrant of arrest for the defendant properties be issued; that due notice be given to all interested parties to appear and show cause why the forfeiture should not be decreed; that judgment declare the defendant properties to be condemned and forfeited to the United States of America for disposition according to law; and that the United States of America be granted such other and further relief

as this Court may deem just and equitable, together with the costs and disbursements of this action.

Dated at Milwaukee, Wisconsin, this 9<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2020.

Respectfully submitted,

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Verification

I, Robert Gregory, hereby verify and declare under penalty of perjury that I am a Police

Officer with the Milwaukee Police Department Special Investigations Division, that I have read

the foregoing Verified Complaint for Civil Forfeiture in rem and know the contents thereof, and

that the factual matters contained in paragraphs 14 through 23 of the Verified Complaint are true

to my own knowledge.

The sources of my knowledge and information are the official files and records of the

United States, information supplied to me by other law enforcement officers, as well as my

investigation of this case, together with others, as a Police Officer with the Milwaukee Police

Department Special Investigations Division.

I hereby verify and declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Date: 3-9-20

s/ROBERT GREGORY

Robert Gregory

Police Officer, Milwaukee Police Department

Special Investigations Division

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# **CIVIL COVER SHEET**

The JS 44 civil cover sheet and the information contained herein neither replace nor supplement the filing and service of pleadings or other papers as required by law, except as provided by local rules of court. This form, approved by the Judicial Conference of the United States in September 1974, is required for the use of the Clerk of Court for the purpose of initiating the civil docket sheet.

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#### WARRANT FOR ARREST IN REM

To: THE UNITED STATES MARSHAL Eastern District of Wisconsin

WHEREAS, a Verified Complaint for Civil Forfeiture *in rem* was filed on the 9<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2020, by the United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Wisconsin, which seeks the forfeiture of the above-named defendant properties pursuant to Title 21, United States Code, Section 881(a)(6), and which prays that process issue to enforce the forfeiture and to give notice to all interested parties to appear before the court and show cause why the forfeiture should not

be decreed; and due proceedings being had, that the defendant properties be condemned and forfeited to the use of the United States of America.

YOU ARE THEREFORE HEREBY COMMANDED to attach and arrest the following defendant properties, which are presently in the custody of the United States Marshal Service in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, in the Eastern District of Wisconsin, and to detain the same until further order of this Court:

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